Holidays to Staff of CWC of Calcutta region

2713. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Regional Labour Commissioner, Calcutta Region had issued instruction for allowing 16 days' holiday to all its staff including Chowkidars; and

(b) if so, the reason for which the management of Central Warehousing Corporation has not yet acted upto the instruction of Regional Labour Commissioner on this issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Punishment to Staff in Central Warehousing Corporation

2714. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of cases pending for review of punishment to its staff of Central Warehousing Corporation; and

(b) whether Central Warehousing Corporation has violated its own staff regulations relating to review of the case of one of its Chowkidars of Calcutta region since 1988?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL): (a) and (b) Regulation 69 of the Central Warehousing Corporation (Staff) Regulations, 1986 relating to review provides that the reviewing authority as specified in these Regulations may call for the records of the case within six months of the date of the final order and after reviewing the case pass such orders thereon as it may deem fit under this Regulation, no case is pending for which competent authority has called for the records.

'List of Pesticides to control Aquatic Weeds'

2715. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any list of pesticides which can or cannot be used to control aquatic weeds or weeds growing along the banks of water courses has been prepared in U.K. and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) if answer to part (a) above be in the negative the reasons therefor and corrective action proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) and (b) The Registration Committee set up under the Insecticides Act, 1968 have registered 25 weedicides under the Insecticides Act, 1968. Out of these, Dalapon, Paraquat and 2, 4-D are effective in controlling the aquatic weeds. No negative list is prescribed by the Registration Committee for pesticides which cannot be used for a particular pest problem. The Government is however not aware of any such list prepared in U.K.

Assessment of Employment Guarantee Scheme

2716. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Special Committees had been set up at the State, District and Taluka levels to oversee the working of Employment Guarantee Scheme (EGS) of Maharashtra since 1972;

(b) whether these special committees have been giving any reports on misdirection and misuse of EG scheme in order to deprive the workers of the